

**Introduced by Senator Runner**February 15, 2005

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An act to add Section 1798.87 to the Civil Code, relating to privacy.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 222, as introduced, Runner. Privacy: social security numbers.

Existing law prohibits a person or entity, with specified exceptions, from publicly posting or displaying an individual's social security number or doing certain other acts that might compromise the security of an individual's social security number.

This bill would provide that any violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, punishable as specified. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1798.87 is added to the Civil Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 1798.87. Any violation of Section 1798.85 is a misdemeanor
- 4 punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand five hundred
- 5 dollars (\$1,500) and not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000),

1 by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months and  
2 not less than four days, or by both that fine and imprisonment.  
3 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
4 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
5 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
6 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
7 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the  
8 penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section  
9 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a  
10 crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the  
11 California Constitution.